

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

A meeting of the General Membership of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on September 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at Green Bay Fire Station #1, 501 S. Washington Street, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Joe Patenaude, Greg Steenbock, Kevin Tielens, Tom Hendricks, Dan Kerkhoff, Eric Johnson, Kyle Lauf, Rick Davidson, Doug Peters, Karl Linsmeier, Brad Neville, Ryan Meader, Randy Lind, Brad Muller, Angie Cali, Rob Gering, Tom Roberts, Kevin Krueger, Terry Rottier, Matthew Omdahl, Joe Gabe

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

Motion made by Steenbock and seconded by Davidson to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion made by Kerkhoff and seconded by Lauf to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 15, 2014. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of Task Force Activities.

Gabe reported that the fire investigation unit was called out to the following fires since the last meeting:

07-23-14 5861 Van Lanen Rd., New Franken (residential/undetermined)  
08-08-14 2222 Deckner Ave., Green Bay (Preble H.S./accidental)  
08-24-14 1231 Brosig St., Green Bay (apartment complex/accidental)  
08-30-14 322 S. Chestnut St., Green Bay (garage/arson)  
08-31-14 1356 Thrush St., Green Bay (garage/accidental)  
08-31-14 824 S. Maple Ave., Green Bay (garage/accidental)  
09-01-14 460 Baird Creek Rd., Green Bay (pole bldg./undetermined)  
09-03-14 3168 S. Ridge Rd., Ashwaubenon (Ridgeway Trailer/undetermined)  
There was also a duplex garage fire in Allouez (accidental)

Item #4. Information from Board of Directors Meeting.

Gabe reported that the Board of Directors meeting was this morning, and he advised the Board that the new rig is in service. Gabe thanked Roberts, Linsmeier, Anderson, Kerkhoff, Lind, and Dhuey who helped with the switchover. Gabe stated it was brought up at the meeting that there is an issue with task force members not going out on fires and that the Board would rather have interns and investigators who want to go out. The Board suggested asking the task force members at tonight's meeting what they think should be the minimum requirement to stay on the task force.

Gabe presented this to the members. It was suggested that dispatch be called after a page regardless of whether or not you will be able to respond. It was suggested adding another checkbox to dispatch's response sheet to include "Available, But Not Needed". That way, it shows you did have intentions on responding to a fire, but they already had enough members going out.

The Board of Directors moved to pay the Wisconsin IAAI membership dues for all members of the task force. It was brought up that nonmembers get charged \$50 more per IAAI conference and that it costs \$25 per year to be a member. Therefore, the task force would save money by paying the membership dues. When you get the notice for dues, give it to Barb Peters.

There is about \$15,000 left in the budget this year.

Item #5. Old Business.

Gabe stated that he is going to look at a new software program for fire reports that would be easier and quicker to use.

Muller reported that Tri-County Fire is donating \$1,000 and Ledgeview Fire donated \$500 towards the rig. Items needed include Pelican lights, hand lights, and clothing. Email Gabe with any other ideas for equipment.

Item #6. New Business.

No new business was discussed.

Item #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

It was reported that six juveniles have gone through the program.

Item #8. Other Business.

No other business was discussed.

Item #9. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting is set for December 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at Howard Fire Station #1, 2456 Glendale Avenue, Green Bay, WI.

Motion made by Hendricks and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting portion. **Motion carried.**

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Item #10. Training.

Training after the meeting involved going over the new rig.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent  
Recording Secretary